

BASEBALL—AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS.

WOLVERTON'S LOSS NOT SERIOUS BLOW TO WASHINGTON TEAM

Deserter Had Played an Indifferent Game in This City.

COUGHLIN A BIG IMPROVEMENT

The Scranton Player Much Stronger in the Field and at the Bat.

LOFTUS IS WELL SATISFIED

Philadelphia Nationals After One of the Washington Pitchers, But Have Little Chance of Getting Him Before End of American League Season.

The desertion of Harry Wolverton, the local third baseman, on Saturday did not occasion the small sized sensation that the player no doubt imagined it would. There were none of the owners of the Washington team but who were mightily well pleased with the jump to the Philadelphia National League team. The reason for this joyful feeling over what ordinarily would have been a source of not a little disappointment was that Wolverton was one of the highest salaried men on the team—his pay was \$2,250 per year—and he had a contract for two years by the terms of which he was to receive his money even if he was in most of the time and until to participate in the games.

During the past few weeks while he has been regaining his health, and incidentally planning to desert Manager Loftus, Wolverton has been drawing his salary from the Washington club.

His Work Disappointing.

His work with the locals had been a severe disappointment to the men at the head of the Senators, for while Wolverton was one of the very best third base guardians in the country last year, he has been putting up a very indifferent sort of a game this season, and has been an absolute failure at the bat.

Since going back to his old position at third, Coughlin has been playing all around Wolverton, and has been hitting the ball harder than the deserter ever did.

Out of 255 chances to make perfect plays, Wolverton made 28 errors, a percentage of .89, while Coughlin made only 24 errors on 460 chances, an average in the field of .949. Wolverton was the poorest fielder on the club, with the exception of the pitchers, his batting average being but .235.

So, after all, the Washington management has got rid of what had proved to be a huge white elephant, in the desertion of Wolverton, and the only hope expressed by Manager Loftus is that he will give better service to the Phillies, and do more to earn his fancy salary than he did in Washington.

Loftus Not in Good Humor.

Manager Loftus is naturally a little sore about the underhand methods Wolverton adopted to sever his connection with the Senators, for he could easily have secured his release any time that he had intimated he was dissatisfied here, or admitted that he was not playing good ball, and was not earning his salary, a fact that was certainly as apparent to the player as to his employers and the supporters of the game.

Manager Loftus is undetermined whether he will go after Wolverton. The contract with the renegade third baseman is about as stiff a legal document as an attorney well versed in the baseball business was able to draw up, and Manager Loftus is of the opinion that he can prevent Wolverton playing with the Philadelphia if he wants to resort to the courts.

But if he decides to do this, it would only be for the purpose of showing contempt for contract jumpers that their agreements must be lived up to.

The Philadelphia management has been making efforts to win back Townsend, the pitcher, who came to Washington along with Wolverton, Delehanty, and Orth.

Last season Townsend was one of the best pitchers in the National League, but he has yet failed to demonstrate a like standing in the American League, perhaps for the reason that there are more good pitchers in the American, or because he has not been given the same sort of support that he received in Philadelphia.

Anyway, Townsend is not pitching up to his last year's record, and if he should decide to leave Washington at the end of the season, the chances are that the local management would not exert themselves to have him after his decision.

The agents of the Phillies have found Townsend very much set against jumping his contract, and the only promise he has given is that perhaps after the end of the American League season he may consider their offers.

Kramer will be in the game in all probability this afternoon, and will be played in right field, which will send Lee in to take his regular turn at catching. Lee has been playing a really excellent game in the field, and his hitting has been both good and timely. There are plenty of pitchers on the local staff, it would seem, without Lee. If Manager Loftus could only see his way clear to keeping him in the field some where. At present the local pitchers of the Washington team only have a chance to go in the box every fifth game, which is not nearly often enough to suit any of them. Either Patten, Orth, Lee, Carrick, or Townsend would do much better work if he took his turn in the box every third day.

Today will be ladies' day at the American Park. The vast number of women folk who were disappointed last Friday when the heavy rain prevented the game with Detroit will doubtless be on hand to see the last St. Louis men out up one of their characteristically clever games against the Washingtons.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

(No games scheduled for yesterday.)

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY:

St. Louis at Washington.
Detroit at Baltimore.
Cleveland at Philadelphia.
(Chicago at Boston.)

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.		Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	42	28	.600	Washington	35	31	.473
St. Louis	40	31	.563	Cleveland	35	40	.467
Philadelphia	38	32	.543	Baltimore	32	42	.433
Boston	39	36	.520	Detroit	29	42	.409

WORK OF THE SENATORS AT BAT AND IN THE FIELD

Doyle Maintains a Clean Record—The Only Senator Who Has Made No Misplay.

During the last five games played by the Senators, six members of the club came out with perfect records—Carry, Doyle, Clarke, Carrick, Patten, and Townsend.

The work of the team in these five games is shown in the following table:

Players	Chances	P.O.	A.	E.	Ave.
Carry	58	52	6	0	1.000
Doyle	27	27	0	0	1.000
Clarke	7	7	0	0	1.000
Carrick	5	5	0	0	1.000
Patten	4	4	0	0	1.000
Townsend	0	0	0	0	1.000
Doyle	19	18	1	0	.947
Ely	47	47	0	0	.983
Coughlin	15	14	1	0	.933
Brill	27	26	1	0	.963
Delehanty	13	11	2	0	.846
Lee	9	7	2	0	.778
Orth	1	1	0	0	.500
Team totals	235	224	11	0	.942

Doyle's Fielding Record.

Doyle still has a clean fielding record, although when he appeared on the field Saturday clad in a brand new uniform the wise ones said, "Here's where Doyle makes an error and spoils his fine work." But the clever second baseman went through the game without the semblance of a misplay, and is at the present time the only Senator whose work in the field has not been marred by a misplay of any kind.

The fielding averages of the Senators up to date are as follows:

Players	Chances	P.O.	A.	E.	Ave.
Carry	75	75	0	0	1.000
Doyle	87	78	9	0	.931
Clarke	18	18	0	0	.972
Delehanty	23	21	2	0	.913
Brill	37	36	1	0	.973
Doyle	19	18	1	0	.947
Orth	1	1	0	0	.500
Townsend	0	0	0	0	.000
Lee	9	8	1	0	.889
Brill	27	26	1	0	.963
Carrick	5	5	0	0	.800
Wolverton	25	23	2	0	.880
Patten	4	4	0	0	.800
Team totals	213	208	10	0	.980

Hitting Records for One Week.

Although Orth, technically, did the best hitting of any of the Washington men during the games played last week, he participated in only one game, and had but five chances to bat, whereas Delehanty played in all of the games, and out of nine different occasions, giving him a batting average of .391.

Bill Clarke did effective work with the stick during the week, and finished with the excellent average of .385, while "Bones" Ely has reason to be proud of his hitting achievements, seven hits out of 20 chances.

The work at the bat during the last five games is as follows:

Players	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	4B.	Ave.
Delehanty	3	2	3	0	0	0	.400
Doyle	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Clarke	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Ely	20	1	7	0	0	0	.350
Brill	1	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Carrick	6	2	2	0	0	0	.333
Coughlin	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Carry	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Ryan	19	4	6	1	0	0	.316
Doyle	16	5	1	0	0	0	.063
Brill	16	3	3	0	0	0	.188
Delehanty	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Patten	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Townsend	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Orth	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Team totals	127	28	51	7	0	0	.321

Delehanty Still Leads.

Delehanty is still at the head of the Washington team in batting, with Doyle a fair second. Del has the very excellent average of .386, representing 63 singles, 21 two-baggers, 8 three-baggers and 6 home run drives, out of 234 times at the bat.

Clarke and Ryan are but a point apart in hitting, with the advantage in favor of the catcher.

The batting average of the Senators up to date follows:

Players	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	4B.	Ave.
Delehanty	254	54	98	21	8	6	.386
Doyle	29	17	19	4	1	0	.323
Clarke	22	17	10	0	0	0	.318
Ryan	246	68	90	20	4	3	.315
Reister	246	43	76	20	4	1	.309
Carry	80	20	1	2	0	0	.250
Coughlin	271	52	78	19	4	3	.288
Lee	101	25	26	12	4	2	.267
Brill	162	17	44	7	1	0	.272
Doyle	159	37	60	8	8	1	.375
Townsend	20	3	12	0	0	0	.600
Carrick	55	12	12	2	0	0	.218
Patten	60	1	5	0	0	0	.083
Team totals	2260	491	738	132	42	20	.329

Team Batting and Fielding.

The team batting and fielding for the games played last week are set forth in the following tables, the first representing the work of the Senators:

Players	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	4B.	Ave.
Washington	187	38	49	7	2	2	.321
Opponents	194	34	43	8	6	4	.314
Players	Chances	P.O.	A.	E.	Ave.		
Washington	192	181	11	0	.943		
Opponents	228	214	14	0	.943		

Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Arrived: St. Louis, Southampton; Columbia, Glasgow. Arrived out: Greaser Kurluoc, from New York, at Bremen; Etruria, from New York, at Liverpool.

RESULT OF CONVENTION RENEWS MINERS' HOPES

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assessments voted by the convention were discussed.

To Remain a Few Days.

When seen this evening, Mr. Mitchell said that he would not return East for a couple of days, or until the business devolving upon him through the meeting of the convention is disposed of.

Asked with respect to the reports that many of the miners were leaving the anthracite fields, he said it was true, but he did not know to what extent. The secretary of district No. 2 reported that fully 25,000 had left the field permanently, but Mitchell thought that many of them would return if the strike was settled on the miners' terms. He refused again today to discuss the methods by which the bituminous operators are to be prevented from sending coal into the anthracite districts, but did not deny that a plan had been evolved to prevent such shipments.

Will Be a Candidate.

John P. Reese, president of the Iowa district, announced before leaving here that he would be a candidate for Congress in his district. He has been tendered the nomination by the Democratic leaders, he said, and had concluded to make the race. The Republican majority is large, but there are 5,000 miners in the district and he hopes to get this vote practically solid.

CIRCUIT OF THE CYCLING ASSOCIATION

What Some of the Crack Distance Men Are Doing.

Kramer Seems the Probable Winner of the Championship—Albert Champion Continues to Break Records.

With a string of dates that insure plenty of racing, the grand circuit of the National Cycling Association is now in full swing and before it ends in September the public will know beyond question the fastest sprinter, rider of America. The style of running the race and the scoring system in operation give every spectator a fair chance to prove his ability at pedaling.

According to this year's style of running the championship, there are but three heats instead of four as last year. There are four trials, the first two men qualifying for the semi-final and from each semi-final, two men are taken for the final race in which there are four starters. Points are scored five, three, two and one.

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Teams on the Circuit.

The following members of the American Cycle-Manufacturing Company's racing team are following the N. C. A. grand circuit: E. C. Bald and John Bedell, Columbia Cycling Team; Iver Lawson and "Plunger" Bill Martin, Cleveland Cycling Team; Frank Beauchamps and Owen S. Kimble, Tribune Cycling Team; Daniel Sullivan and Joe Newkirk, Crescent Cycling Team; John T. Fisher, Monarch Cycling Team; Lester Wilson, Rambler Cycling Team, and George C. Schreiber, Imperial Cycling Team.

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DEPARTMENT GAMES SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Week's Sport in League Pleases the Many Rooters.

GOOD RACE FOR PENNANT

Commissioners Move Up Into Second Position—Snappy Article of Ball, and May Win Out.

Last week's sport in the Departmental League would be hard to duplicate, even in professional ranks. All games were of the nip-and-tuck variety, and were witnessed by large crowds.

Six strong clubs are banging together in great style, and each is prizing its leader. This week's games promise to be interesting as last. Perhaps the best contest will be the one between the Commissioners' team and the navy yard.

Since the last publication of the standing of the teams, several changes have occurred. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing club, which suffered several stinging defeats week before last, is now on its feet, and promises to make things warm for the others.

The Commissioners are playing a snappy, steady game. It will be remembered that they have been touted as the winners of the pennant.

They have boasted themselves from fourth to second place, and are not very far behind the navy yard men, who lead. Should they win today's game they will only need two more to be tied for first place.

Swine Colliflower has been doing the twirling they have won five straight games.

The Interior team has been playing fast ball, but the team work was not kept up in the last couple of games, and the club took a slide. Manager Lamar has a strong lineup individually, but they do not hang together.

The good showing made by the Printing Office contingent is the talk of the league. They have taken a decided lead, and are playing as well as the rest. Ashley is still doing the box work. It is expected that the Printers will finish well up in the first class. The new players that Manager Havens secured recently have put a great deal of stir into the other men.

The Marines are still playing away and are making a good showing, although their standing would not indicate it. Their manager does not play an outside man on the team. None of the others can say as much, because they put in three or four outsiders.

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FAT MEN'S TEAM. Will Play the Elks at Elizabeth, N. J., on Thursday.

The baseball team representing the Jolly Fat Men's Club, under the management of M. J. Mullin, will leave here with the Elks at Elizabeth, N. J., on Thursday night, and on the following day it will cross bats with the Elks' nine of that city. It is expected that this will be a hotly contested game and considerable interest is being taken in the coming event.

The Elks will play a return game here with the Fat Men at an early date.

Manager Mullin will take along the following very strong team which includes some of the crack players of the city: J. J. Gaff, third base and captain; Kiefo, left field; Powers, second base; McCauley, shortstop; O'Day, right field; Cummins, first base; Venable, catcher; Wright, center field; Weller, pitcher; Hoffman, second base and right field.

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE. Standing of the Teams.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Navy	11	2	.846
Commissioners	9	4	.692
Interior	8	5	.615
Bureau	7	5	.583
Printers	8	7	.533
Marines	7	7	.500
Postoffice	3	10	.231
War	0	4	.000

ere, who are semi-professionals, or have at some time played in the minor leagues.

Sad, indeed, is the plight of the Post-office and War Department teams. They came into the league after the season was about half over and expected to play winning ball.

The Postoffice team has won one game, although credited with three. This is because they took the place of the Census' office, which won two games but dropped out.

The War Department team is in as bad a hole as the Postoffice. They have not won a single contest since they have made their debut, and at present there is no prospect of their doing so.

Majority is playing third for the Commissioners, and is putting up a rattling good game. He accepted every one of his chances in the last several games played. He is strong at the bat, and is looked upon as one of the heavy hitters.

The fielding of Beall, of the Printing Office, on Saturday, was little short of wonderful. He had five very difficult flies to get under and managed to rake in everyone of them. Beall is an ex-High School player, but despite this fact, he is one of the best fielders in the league.

Mooney, of the Marines, is now at third, and doing good work. He is an all round player and has shown well in his batting.

King, of the Commissioners' nine, is still out of it. His snappy infield work is greatly missed, and it is earnestly hoped that he will be able to get into today's play.</